

## NEWS FROM ALL OVER IMPERIAL MISSOURI

Interesting Happenings Which Have Taken Place  
In the Greatest State in the Union

### The Product of the Scissors, the Pen and a Very Little Actual Labor

"Up took the hour of going to press," says the Salem Post, "the cost of living still is high."

The first annual convention of the National Restaurant Men's Association will be held in Kansas City December 1, 2 and 3.

Even down on White River the strike situation is causing deep regret. The local society have steadfastly refused to strike.

The Missouri state won the war and the Missouri men will pay the cost of it if you give her a little time," advises a Bowling Green postman.

The power of the Missouri press, notes the Mexican Ledger, which always is looking for signs of progress, used to be gasoline and now is electricity.

A Springfield man, according to the Leader, has new grounds for protest against the receding of "The Melancholy Days Have Come" at this season. He says they came "way back in July."

A strike of drug clerks for increased pay and shorter hours was called at St. Louis Friday. Local officials of the Retail Clerks' International Protective Association assert 225 clerks were out.

Old lady Ryan, mother of Judge living between here and Halls Station, is now 87 years old, and took her first dose of medicine prescribed by a doctor a few days ago.—DeKalb Tribune.

The Quimman hardware had a great success. There was such an abundance of good things to eat that no one could find the names of the town in either a request or an order.

The headline, "Missouri's New Ex-Laws," appearing in many of the country papers, is accurate. The law forbade the sale of any but comparatively new eggs.

Johnson county's sheriff, according to the Warrensburg Star-Journal, thinks a dollar and costs is fine enough in ordinary cases, for persons receiving their first introduction to the law. "Treat 'em nicely and maybe they'll call again."

A little school girl near Independence gave her teacher and the class the interesting information that several lands had been born in her father's flock and he had several other sheep besides.

There is about testimony to the fearful risks some men will run for money in the news that one day recently there were 275,000 pounds of skunk holes in the St. Louis market.

"Yesterday we saw a woman who was following the moonlight fad on the street," reports the Joplin News-Herald, "but still she wasn't exactly up to date. She was carrying a baby in her arms."

When a street railway company is

be the negro, and demanded, "Hands up." Gray did not respond and stepped back, whereupon the two men fired, both charges taking effect in vital parts of his body. Gray lived about three hours.

If Missouri wants to bring its live stock up to the highest known standards the Jefferson City Democrat-Tribune suggests that city hunters be encouraged to visit every rural community this fall. "Every calf shot by a hunter," it points out, "immediately becomes a pedigreed and prize winning animal."

You wouldn't think a man would sue for \$50,000 just because his neighbors gave him a surprise party and painted his home and fences, but that is what a Mercer county man is doing. The paint was yellow and was applied in July, 1918, after the plaintiff had been placed in Class IV, on agricultural grounds, by the Mercer county draft board.

A government patent to eighty acres of land located in Lincoln township was filed today in Recorder Baker's office. It was entered in the name of Charles L. Johnson and was dated October 30, 1857. The land is now owned by Mrs. Augusta J. Moss of Danville, Pa., who is a daughter of Johnson. The patent never had been filed in the recorder's office. It was signed by James Buchanan, president of the United States—Salem Democrat-Forum.

A minister, according to the Capital, entered a Seaford store the other day and found several young men selling the religious document "The New Era," continues the Capital, "the proprietor has put the book on shelves before taking. Preachers themselves can do more good by calling on their flock than by preaching sermons."

William R. Lippie of Cape, one of the "old kids" of that section is back home from Columbus, Ohio, where he attended the recent National Convention of the G. A. R. Although he is now 94 years of age, he seems as active as the average man of 50. Mr. Lippie was born in Clay county, Kentucky, October 20, 1825. In his early life the family came to Indiana, near Seaford, where he entered in Company E, 5th Mo. Cavalry, serving three years.

In his speech in Springfield last week, Governor Gardner asserted that he was a candidate for the office, but Charles Green of Brookfield was engaged to be married and what the governor is doing in his tour of Missouri, "if he is riding in a Ford," said the Brookfield News, "it will indicate that he has his hand on the steering wheel, but if he is in a 'Packard or a P.A., he is just out for pleasure."

A. R. E. Matthews in Southside near West Plains a thrill last week, according to the Quill. Page D. Robertson, a returned soldier, proposed to Miss Irene Douglas while they were dancing. Slipping away from the dance, they rode up the highway recorder, got him to leave a home and then go with three friends as he was, shouting, whistles and cheering, and at midnight walked up the promenade judge and were married.

Dr. O. O. Meredith was instantly killed and Pilot Stike was severely injured at Breckenridge between 4-28 and 7 o'clock Saturday evening when the airplane in which they were riding crashed to the ground. Just before the accident Stike had made tight turns with other passengers. His engine went wrong as he attempted the flight with Dr. Meredith. When about 150 feet up he realized they were falling and attempted to put his parachute from the machine, but

fainted and a few seconds later Dr. Meredith's life was crushed out by the engine. Stike was cut on the head and face and one thumb was torn off. He was exonerated by the coroner's jury.

The Missouri Press Association met at Springfield last week. Among other recommendations was one that owing to the high price of print paper that the subscription price of the weekly paper be advanced to \$2 a year. The following officers were elected: W. H. Zorn of West Plains Gazette, president; Mrs. Cora Stufflebaum, Bolivar Herald, vice-president; Fred Hull, Maryville Tribune, secretary; E. H. Winter, Warrenton Banner, treasurer.

One of the most beautiful and perhaps the most easily visited of all the well known Ozark caves is the Sequoia Cave near Springfield. In this cave one does not have to crawl on his knees over slippery ledges, but simply sits in a flat-bottomed boat while the guide paddles it along and points out the wonders of stalactite and stalagmite, bear homes clawed out by "brains" seeking hibernating places long ago and many wonders of reflection which deceive the sight.

Adair county is feeling a bit shocked at itself and cannot understand just why. According to the Kirkville Express, in the last four months forty-three suits for divorce have been filed in the county while only eighty marriage licenses have been granted to citizens of the county, though 111 have been granted in all. Adair is a prosperous agricultural county, noted for its good crops, and the ratio of more than one divorce to two marriages among its citizens is a mystery.

Don Arnold, who lives five miles north of Mereth, recently brought to a local blacksmith shop a set of wagon wheels which were used in President Lincoln's first inaugural parade. Arnold's father secured the wagon to which the wheels belonged and drove the vehicle in the parade. The outfit was painted red, white and blue, in honor of the occasion. The wheels have been hanging around the farm for a long time, and a local decided to have them repaired and repainted and was preserving them in peace.

The custom of jostling bumpkins for this and other offenses against the laws of the University of Missouri long has been noted to and observed by the upper classes. Recently two boys had to go down the line while three hundred people were lined up to see the championship race. The boys were taken away and sent to the hospital, according to the Columbia Tribune, the state body is holding some meetings and one of the present trustees of the school is in danger.

Brockville just couldn't help conceding to the fact that it produces a lot of good men of merit. The same day it was reported that the war news about it, J. J. Brown of Brockville, a former St. Joseph office man, was awarded eight pounds on which he has a claim to the title of "champion champion" of the state. Brockville is ready to admit it is first in West first in peace and first in the title of the country.

"You've heard a lot about how I endured 200 German soldiers and four officers single handed, and that I am a rival to Robert A. York," said Capt. C. D. Roberts, a former Kemper rider, who returned to Brockville wearing the D. R. C. and the cross de guerre. "Well, so many can take that many Germans or any other kind of men unless they want to be taken. We just sent one German prisoner back to tell his comrades that we were giving prisoners three square meals and a dollar a day in safe places behind the lines, and if they'd come on over we'd give them a good job."

The Woodmen of the World from Texas and Oklahoma returned home Monday from St. Louis after having attended the Missouri state convention, which did not adjourn until last midnight. It was decided to institute legal proceedings to enjoin Sovereign Commander W. A. Fisher of Omaha, Neb., and the sovereign camp from putting into effect January 1, 1920, alleged radical rate increases adopted at a meeting of sovereign officers in Chicago last July. It was shown that under the new rate, many present members, who have been paying at the old rate and would be unable to pay the heavy increase would be forced to relinquish their insurance, and that Sovereign Commander Fisher has gone contrary to all precedent in making the new rates. Under the new rates, members over 52 years of age, instead of being rated at the age of 52, as under present rates, would be rated at their attained age, which, in many instances, would make the rate to be paid prohibitive. Mr. Dag-

gan of St. Louis showed that the solvency of the Woodmen of the World in December, 1914, was 54.60 per cent, and that December 31, 1916, its solvency was 55 per cent; that the increase in solvency was made without any increase in rates and all the law requires today is that the order maintain the degree of solvency it had in 1914, which is less than it now has.

All through this part of the country a new game is in vogue which the Higginsville Jeffersonian names "Scat-You're-it." The Jeff gives the following account of how the game is being played in Higginsville: "Ed, I've done you a mean trick—bought the house you are living in and get possession November 1." That makes us "it." In the second quarter of the game one must try to make somebody else "it." This is how the score on one game stands, Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Koppens move into the house occupied by J. H. Campbell as soon as he moves into the one rented by Rev. A. C. MacKinney as soon as Mac moves his pump gun and other household goods into the house occupied by Sabert Downing on the avenue, as soon as Mr. Downing gets out of his house into the one occupied by Edward Elgate, facing the park, as soon as the latter can get into the house now occupied by Judge Chinn on the avenue, and so on.

### OMAHA'S MOB WEAKNESS

It Only Corroborates the Testimony of Other Cities So Afflicted.

In their recent race riots East St. Louis, Knoxville, Washington and Chicago contented themselves with beatings and killings by persons who quickly ran to cover. Omaha scores overpowering the police force, murderously assaulting the mayor and burning the court house.

For the newest infancy we have the same old excuse. Crime on the part of negroes was increasing. The courts had dealt leniently with offenders. The black population had increased rapidly of late as a result of migration, and friction industrial rivalry was added. Probably there is not a thus in all Omaha who will not find in these conditions some defense for his savagery.

But Omaha is not ordinarily given over to lawlessness. It is an enlightened American city, self-governing and depending for its security as much upon the good will of its inhabitants as upon the law and its ministers. With such foundations for public order, the sudden development of a mob destructive alike of life and property can be accounted for only on the theory, often illustrated elsewhere, that the municipal authorities were weak and negligent. Except for the mayor, who met the rioters face to face and received what may be fatal injuries, it does not appear that mobsters, arson, pillage and terror encountered adequate opposition anywhere.

Omaha only corroborates the testimony of East St. Louis, Knoxville, Washington and Chicago that in all of our cities there are forces of evil which cannot be ignored, cannot be paralyzed with, cannot be tolerated. When they gain the ascendancy everything worth while is at stake. Their pretended provocations are inadmissible. Their alleged devotion to rudimentary justice is a mockery. Law which does not assert itself when mobs are forming becomes shamefully impotent when their vengeance wrought, they disappear continually to await another opportunity.—New York World.

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